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DDES customer service numbers

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206-296-6797

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206-296-6659

DDES Records Center

206-296-6696

Media and Public Disclosure Inquiries

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Building and Fire Svcs. Director, Jim Chan

206-296-6740

Permit Center, Jarrod Lewis

206-296-6713

Plan Review, Chris Ricketts

206-296-6750

Building Inspections, Bernard Moore

206-296-6762

Code Enforcement, Sheryl Lux (acting)

206-296-6680

Current Planning, Lisa Dinsmore

206-296-7171

Land Use Division Director, Randy Sandin

206-296-6778

Engineering, Molly Johnson

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Clearing & Grading, Steve Bottheim

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Critical Areas, Steve Bottheim

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Fall brings new responsibilities to construction projects DDES protecting waterways during the rainy season



Even though the sun is out, this developer has installed appropriate cover measures (straw mulch) in preparation for the rainy season.

Monitoring erosion and sediment control (ESC) measures or preventing muddy, silty runoff from leaving construction sites and leaching into streams and other waterways, is a major responsibility for DDES building and land use inspectors during the rainy months in unincorporated King County. Each Fall, DDES publishes information on erosion and sediment control requirements for wet season construction sites via the DDES website at: <http://www.kingcounty.gov/property/permits/info/SpecialInterest/ConstructionIndustry/ErosionControl.aspx>.

DDES enforces these more stringent ESC requirements during building, land use and grading inspections. The erosion and sediment control requirements published on the DDES website have been developed to inform the building industry of current regulations, practices and restrictions during the wet season, which runs between October 1 and April 30 each year.

We know that people want to do their part to use appropriate erosion and sediment control measures. That is why DDES has an array of educational literature available to builders, developers, and the community at large. Also, there is always a conference on site between the builder/developer and DDES staff before construction begins to ensure that all measures are addressed.

DDES is committed to an effective erosion and sediment control program to protect our streams, lakes, wetlands and the aquatic species that inhabit them. Additional technical assistance for erosion control on project sites is available. DDES inspection staff are also available to offer suggestions to help builders and developers stay in compliance with county code and permit conditions.

For additional details, please contact Chris Ricketts, Construction Services Section Supervisor, at 206-296-6750, or Paula Adams, Public Information and Records Officer at 206-296-6682.

Online customer services from DDES

www.kingcounty.gov/permits

DDES maintains a website designed to connect our customers with critical information about the permit process, characteristics of individual parcels within unincorporated King County, and many other topics associated with construction and land use. Listed below are some of our most popular pages within this site.

PROPERTY RESEARCH

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/property/permits/gis.aspx>

You can use this link to find jurisdiction, zoning, permit histories, derailed maps, and much more.

FREQUENTLY ASKED PERMITTING AND LAND USE QUESTIONS

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/property/permits/FAQ.aspx>

You can use this link to get started with helpful information on permitting requirements, permit application submittal procedures, the Code Enforcement process and much more.

TO REQUEST A BUILDING INSPECTION

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/property/permits/info/inspections.aspx>

You can use this link to get information about the building inspection process and also to schedule an inspection online.

DETAILED INFORMATION ON BUILDING AND LAND USE TOPICS

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/property/permits/publications/bulletins.aspx>

DDES publishes over fifty Customer Information Bulletins on topics pertaining to building and land use. These bulletins are written with the first-time permit customer in mind and are a valuable time and cost savings resource.

PERMIT APPLICATION FORMS

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/property/permits/publications/forms.aspx>

You can use this link to access permit forms and packets for all DDES permit types.

REQUESTING HISTORICAL PERMIT RECORDS

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/property/permits/info/records/requests.aspx>

You can use this link to see an overview of the types of records available through the DDES Records Center and also to order historical records online.

CODES, POLICIES AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/property/permits/codes.aspx>

You can use this link to access the entire King County Code, King County Comprehensive Plan and associated updates, as well as significant legislation under development.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/property/permits/ce.aspx>

You can use this link to read helpful brochures and get an overview of the code enforcement process or to file a code enforcement complaint.

Improving the residential site plan

New program offers predictability and efficiency

DDES is testing new application materials designed to assist permit applicants with submittals of residential site plans. Site plans are submitted as part of the residential permitting process in order to give staff a complete view of the proposed project and how they fit with various property characteristics such as critical areas, topography and property boundaries.

Our aim is to ensure that the site plans submitted are as complete as they need to be. A complete application will result in faster reviews and lower costs. The redesigned applications provide a step-by-step checklist and template for applicants to work from.

DDES anticipates bringing the revised application into use later this fall. Permit applicants wishing to take advantage of the test phase should contact **Doug Dobkins in DDES Engineering Services at 206-296-7087**.

DDES Records Center services

DDES offers a variety of customer services from our Records Center, which is located within the Permit Center on the first floor of our building at 900 Oakesdale Ave. SW in Renton. Customers can research old permit records, as well as complete permit histories on a specific parcel. Many historic records are stored electronically within the Records Center and can be immediately accessed, while others, such as subdivision records, may need to be ordered for customers from the King County Records Center in Seattle.

Call the Records Center at 206-296-6696 **prior to your visit** to see if your records of interest can be immediately accessed or if they need to be ordered. The DDES Records Center stores records for properties located within the unincorporated area, as well as those properties which have recently been annexed into a city.

You can drop into the Records Center M-Th from 7:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m., or you may schedule an appointment for any time during our regular business hours by calling 206-296-6696.

Incentives for green construction

DDES, in partnership with the King County Solid Waste Division and the Master Builders Association, encourages prospective permit customers to consider green construction techniques before designing a new home. DDES offers permit processing incentives for certified green building projects and has a helpful display with free literature in our Renton Permit Center. Useful information is also available online at: <http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/greenbuilding/built-green.asp>.